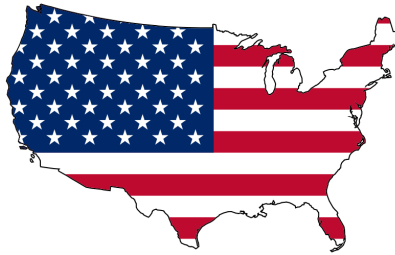


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While the threat of global nuclear war largely has passed, the danger of nuclear proliferation continues to make the 40-year-old Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as relevant today as it was during the height of the Cold War, President Obama says. ...

3. Institutes for Study of US Offer Intensive Cultural Experiences

Each year, small groups of students, scholars and teachers come to the United States to encounter the country up close through short, intensive programs of study and travel sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. ...

4. Women of Courage Honored at State Department

Women of Courage awardees are an inspiration to women everywhere, say first lady Michelle Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The awards, they say, help spread the message of the need to protect human rights and women's rights. ...

5. United States Committed to Worldwide Cultural Preservation

Every year, a U.S. program known as the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation helps preserve priceless artifacts in countries around the world, ensuring that ancient treasures will not be lost. Since 2001, the fund has supported cultural heritage projects in more than 100 countries. ...

6. Muslim and Arab Americans Explore Dynamics of US Census

Muslim and Arab Americans are partnering with the 2010 U.S. Census by holding events that explain the census process to their communities. An event recently held at Georgetown University in Washington highlights efforts nationwide to engage Muslim Americans about the census. ...

In case you missed it:

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Zuri, the youngest member of Mariachi band, dancing with a little girl at the open-air concert at the plateau in front of the Army Hall in Skopje. (LP)

Mariachi de America Charms Macedonia

March 17-19, 2010

In a three-day tour, Mariachi Imperial de America entertained large crowds in Struga, Stip, Chair and Skopje with their lively serenades that represent a large part of multi-cultural America. With their sombrero hats and unique instruments, the ensemble talked to students at the Niko Nestor and Ibrahim Temo School in Struga, Music Academy in Stip and the Josip Broz Tito School in Skopje. The students asked questions in English and Spanish about the group's unique style of Mariachi music with roots in Mexico but strongly linked to the vibrant Hispanic community in their home State of Texas.

- ◇ To see a short video story from ALSAT TV about the Mariachis Performances in Struga, please [click here](#).
- ◇ To view a short video excerpt of Public Affairs Officer Ryan Rowlands and Mariachi band on A1 TV morning show "RANODEN" discussing their performances in Macedonian, please [click here](#).
- ◇ To see a short video clip of the Mariachis Performances at the popular children's show "PETKO", please [click here](#).



Ambassador Reeker discusses the U.S. foreign policy objectives in front of the large crowd at the FON University.

Speaking with Students About the US Foreign Policy Priorities

March 16, 2010

Ambassador Reeker visited FON University where over 300 students heard him outline President Obama's foreign policy objectives. He also answered questions from several students. When asked about the name dispute with Greece he underscored that Macedonia and the Macedonian people have existed for hundreds of years stressing, "You are who you are and that is who you always will be."

- ◇ To see a transcript of his speech, please [click here](#).
- ◇ To hear the entire speech (mpg3 file - size 12.2 MB), please [click here](#).
- ◇ To listen to the questions and answers with the students (mpg3 file - size 25.7 MB), please [click here](#).
- ◇ To see local news coverage (A1 TV video footage in Macedonian - WMV file, size 3.81 MB), of his visit, please [click here](#).
- ◇ To see local news coverage (Alsat TV video footage in Albanian - WMV file, size 3.67 MB), of his visit, please [click here](#).



Consul Lauren May explaining the Summer Work and Travel program for college students from Macedonia for Alsat - M TV.

Consul Lauren May Announces the Summer Work and Travel Program for University Students

March 14, 2010

Alsat M interviewed U.S. Embassy Consul Lauren May to discuss the Summer Work and Travel program for college students from Macedonia. The purpose of the Summer Work and Travel Program is to provide foreign post-secondary students an opportunity to become directly involved in the daily life of the people of the United States through travel and temporary work for a period of up to four months during their summer vacations. If you are a full-time student and meet the other program requirements, you have the opportunity to apply to spend a summer in the United States working for up to four months in a summer job and then having a month to travel.

- ◇ To learn more about the Summer Work and Travel program for college students from Macedonia, please [click here](#).
- ◇ **FAQs on Summer Work and Travel:** http://exchanges.state.gov/jexchanges/private/swt_faq.html#how
- ◇ To see Consul Lauren May explaining the Summer Work and Travel program for college students from Macedonia, please check out the [Alsat - M TV news item](#).



Ambassador [Philip T. Reeker](#)
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 audio - (mp3 - size 17.2 MB)

[Ambassador Philip T. Reeker's interview with "NIE" Sitel TV](#)

March 14, 2010

Ambassador Reeker: "I think the most important thing for Macedonia is to focus on its integration into the key institutions of the Euro-Atlantic family, that is NATO and the EU ... I meet with all members of political parties here in Macedonia with all politicians and find that even in private, together they can have a civilized discussion and they may even agree on certain areas and I wonder if Macedonia might consider looking at changes in the future which could help in this regard. " ... [Full text of the Interview](#).

- ◇ To see a short excerpt [SITE TV, NIE magazine, WMV video - size 11.5 MB] from the interview, please [click here](#).
- ◇ To hear the entire interview (mpg3 file - size 17.2 MB), please [click here](#).



Secretary Clinton releases the 2009 Human Rights Report

[2009 Annual Report on Human Rights](#)

March 11, 2010

Secretary Clinton (Mar. 11): "[F]or the last 34 years, the United States has produced the [Country Reports on Human Rights Practices](#), providing the most comprehensive record available of the condition of human rights around the world." [Full Text»](#) | [Press](#)

[Release.](#)

- To view the section related to Macedonia, please [click here](#).



Ambassador Reeker and Cinematheque Director Mimi Gorgoska are escorted by a mime playing the role of Charlie Chaplin and film-going children to Novo Kino Utro. (LP)

Novo Kino Utro Celebrates a Very Successful Kids Film Series – and a New Beginning

March 6, 2010

After 12 weeks of packed houses for Saturday double features sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, Novo Kino Utro series concluded with balloons, laughs, Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin, a mime and remarks from Ambassador Reeker and State Secretary for the Ministry of Culture, Darko Stefanovski. The Ambassador, speaking in Macedonian, highlighted the success of the series and how weekend

matinees should be part of everyone's childhood memories. Cinematheque Director Mimi Gorgoska-Ilievska announced that the success of the film series has allowed Cinematheque to continue Kino Utro with a series of Disney films to screen twice on Saturdays through the end of the school year.



Jordanian participants try out the climbing wall at Hollywood Elementary School in Maryland

Fulbright Program competition for academic year 2011-2012 is now open

Visiting Student Researchers and Masters Degree: 2011-2012 Application for the Fulbright Student program in the United States ([Visiting Student Researchers and Masters Degree](#)). [...more.](#)

Deadline: June 30, 2010.

POST-DOCTORAL: 2011-2012 Application for the Fulbright Scholar Program (**post-doctoral**) in the United States ([NON-DEGREE](#)). [...more.](#)

Deadline: November 15, 2010.



Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program 2011-2012

The competition is open from March 15 to June 30, 2010

The Embassy of the United States of America is pleased to announce the annual competition for the non-degree Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program for study in the United States for the academic year 2011-2012.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-level professionals to the United States for a year of combined academic (NON-DEGREE) and professional work. Fellows are selected based on potential for leadership and commitment to public service...[more](#).

Deadline: June 30, 2010.

For All Embassy News go to: <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov>

Small Grants information: http://macedonia.usembassy.gov/small_grants_program.html

American Educational Exchange information: <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov/aec.html>

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